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Letter dated 20 February 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith information regarding the implementation by the Republic of Bulgaria of the obligations under articles 3, 4 and 5 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (see annex).

I request that the message be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 73 (f).

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the letter dated 20 February 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

- In accordance with the obligations under article 5 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, the Republic of Bulgaria completed on 31 October 1999 the destruction of anti-personnel mines in the mined areas as envisaged by the schedule in the Bulgarian National Programme for the Implementation of the Ottawa Convention;

- The destruction of stockpiled anti-personnel mines, in compliance with article 4 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction was completed on 20 December 2000 — two years earlier than the final date specified in the Convention;

- In accordance with article 3 of the Convention, for the purposes of development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance and mine destruction techniques, 4,000 mines were retained.